UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ANTHONY MITCHELL,

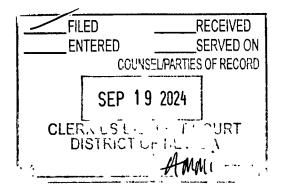
Plaintiff,

v.

RYAN COHEN, an individual; ROBINHOOD FINANCIAL LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; ROBINHOOD SECURITIES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; ROBINHOOD MONEY, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; THE **DEPOSITORY TRUST & CLEARING** CORPORATION, a New York Corporation: 20230930-DK-BUTTERFLY-1, INC., a New York Corporation doing business as BED BATH & BEYOND; OVERSTOCK.COM. INC., a Delaware Corporation doing business as BED BATH & BEYOND; RC VENTURES LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; SUE E. GOVE, an individual.

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01042



PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT BEYOND, INC.'S (F/K/A OVERSTOCK.COM, INC.) MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION TO TRANSFER

COMES NOW Plaintiff Anthony Mitchel (hereafter referred to as "Plaintiff"), to submit his Opposition to Defendant Overstock.com, Inc. ("Overstock" or "Defendant)'s Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint and, in the alternative, Motion to transfer ("Motion") and

respectfully requests this Honorable Court to deny Defendant's Motion. In support, Plaintiff submits the accompany Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

Dated: September 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted

ANTHONY MITCHELL, Pro se

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PLAINTIFF'S MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Plaintiff objects to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss because Defendant has notice of the original complaint, and the alleged defect in service (if any) is technical, the failure to properly serve the original compliant is justifiable, and Plaintiff could be severely prejudiced is his complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

Plaintiff further objects to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss because Dismissal of a complaint is inappropriate when there exists a reasonable prospect that service may yet be obtained. If the Court decides that the service was not proper, Plaintiff asks to provide him with the opportunity to serve the Defendant. There is nothing in the record to indicate that proper service is impossible to effectuate.

Plaintiff further objects to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss because the New Jersey Bankruptcy Court does not have jurisdiction over Plaintiff. Plaintiff is not a party of the agreement nor participated in the bankruptcy proceeding. More importantly, this dispute does not relate to the terms and provisions of the Sale order and the asset purchase agreement.

Plaintiff finally objects to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss because this case is not a bankruptcy case under title 11, accordingly 28 U.S.C. § 1412 is not applicable here. Thus, the transfer to the Bankruptcy court should be denied.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff filed the present complaint against Overstock for Unjust Enrichment. The complaint in the relevant part states that after Bed Bath and Beyond was removed from the

NYSE stock market - Overstock.com changed its name to Beyond Inc. and adopted the Bed Bath & Beyond logo and website bedbathandbeyond.com. Overstock.com continued to sell shares of Bed Bath & Beyond. Defendant Overstock.com unjustly enriched itself by wrongfully converting, taking, utilizing or managing the property and financial interests of Plaintiff. (Complaint at ¶¶ 95, 97).

Upon information and belief, Overstock's address for service is 12670 High Bluff Dr, San Diego, CA. Plaintiff hired a process server ABC Legal for service of the Defendant.

On or about August 7, 2024, Overstock was served. A true and correct copy of service attempts is attached as **Exhibit A**. Here is the process server's note:

By delivery to Spencer Doe, I delivered the documents to an individual who refused to give their name who identified themselves as the person authorized to accept. The individual accepted service with direct delivery. The individual appeared to be a black haired white male contact 35-45 years of age, 5'10"-6'0" tall and weighing 180-200 lbs.

On September 11, 2024, Defendant moved to dismiss for insufficiency of service of process and improper venue. Alternatively, Defendant asks the court to transfer the case to the District of New Jersey. Dkt. 18.

III. ARGUMENT

A. Defendant's argument that the complaint should be dismissed for improper service is meritless.

In some instances, Rule 4 may be liberally construed "so long as the opposing party receives sufficient notice of the complaint." *United Food & Commercial Workers Union v. Alpha Beta Co.*, 736 F.2d 1371, 1382 (9th Cir. 1984). The Ninth Circuit has held that failure to comply with service requirements does not warrant dismissal if: "(a) the party that had to be served

personally received actual notice, (b) the defendant would suffer no prejudice from the defect in service, (c) there is a justifiable excuse for the failure to serve properly, and (d) the plaintiff would be severely prejudiced if his complaint were dismissed." *Borzeka v. Heckler*, 739 F.2d 444, 447 (9th Cir. 1984).

Moreover, under the Ninth Circuit's four-part test, even if Plaintiff failed to comply with service requirements, it does not warrant dismissal. Hamilton, 981 F.2d at 1065. Defendant has notice of the original complaint, and the alleged defect in service (if any) is technical, the failure to properly serve the original compliant is justifiable, and Plaintiff could be severely prejudiced is his complaint is dismissed without prejudice. Therefore, the Court should deny Defendant's motion as to the remedy of dismissing Plaintiff's complaint.

B. If the Court decides that the service was not proper, Plaintiff asks to provide him the opportunity to serve the Defendant.

If the Court decides not to dismiss, it quashes the ineffective service that has been made on the defendant and provides the plaintiff the opportunity to serve the defendant again effectively. See <u>Stevens v. Security Pacific Nat'l Bank</u>, 538 F.2d 1387, 1389 (9th Cir. 1976). See also <u>S.J. v. Issaquah Sch.</u> Dist. No. 411, 470 F. 3d 1288, 1293 (9th Cir. 2006) (noting that "even if service were insufficient—on which we express no opinion—we could not simply affirm dismissal because the district court has discretion to dismiss an action or to quash service"). "Dismissal of a complaint is inappropriate when there exists a reasonable prospect that service may yet be obtained. In such instances, the district court should, at most, quash service, leaving the plaintiffs free to effect proper service." <u>Arasan Chip Sys., Inc. v. Sonix Tech. Co.</u> <u>Ltd.</u>, No. 509-CV-02172 JF PVT, 2010 WL 890424, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 8, 2010) (internal

quotation omitted). *Lasswell Found. for Learning & Laughter, Inc. v. Schwartz*, Case No.: 3:16-cv-00497-BEN-WVG, 4 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 4, 2016).

Alternatively, if the Court decides that the service was not proper, Plaintiff asks to provide him with the opportunity to serve the Defendant. There is nothing in the record to indicate that proper service is impossible to effectuate. Thus, the Court should not dismiss the complaint for ineffective service.

C. Venue is proper.

28 U.S. Code § 1391(b) in relevant part states that a civil action may be brought in ... (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated. The complaint states that the acts and conduct that constitute the violations of law complained occurred in substantial part in this District, including the dissemination of materially misleading information on the Internet that was accessible in this District. Moreover, Plaintiff purchased the shares of Bed Bath stock in this District. Accordingly, the venue is proper since the substantial part of events had occurred in this district.

Defendant alleges that the venue is instead proper in the District of New Jersey because the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey retained exclusive jurisdiction over claims relating to Beyond's purchase of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s intellectual property. The bankruptcy court order Dkt No.1117 in Paragraph 38 states that the bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction with respect to the terms and provisions of the Sale Order and the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement (Asset purchase agreement between Bed Bath and Overstock). Plaintiff is not a party of the agreement nor participated in the bankruptcy proceeding. More importantly,

this dispute does not relate to the terms and provisions of the Sale order and the asset purchase

agreement. Accordingly, Defendant's allegation that the bankruptcy court retains jurisdiction

over this case is not correct.

D. Transfer the case to the District of New Jersey to its Bankruptcy Court should be

denied.

As to the transfer the case from this Court to the Bankruptcy court, section 28 U.S.C. §

1412 is applicable for transfers of "a case or proceeding under title 11". This case is not a

bankruptcy case under title 11, accordingly 28 U.S.C. § 1412 is not applicable here. Thus, the

transfer to the Bankruptcy court should be denied.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests this court to deny Defendant's

Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's and grant Plaintiff any and all relief either in law or equity that this

court deems just.

Dated: September 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted

ANTHONY MITCHELL,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on September 18, 2024, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT BEYOND, INC.'S (F/K/A OVERSTOCK.COM, INC.) MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION TO TRANSFER to be filed with the Clerk of the Court and serving on all parties of record via email as follows:

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Dated: September 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

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ANTHONY MITCHELL V RYAN COHEN, AN INDIVIDUAL, ET AL.

(1) Contacts

Reference ID: Bed Bath And Beyond

Submitted: 08/03/24

Case #: 2:24-CV-01042-RFB-DJA

Party to Serve: Ryan Cohen

1114 Avenue of the Americas FI 32, New York, NY 10036

Status: Non-Served - Disallowed

Party to Serve: Sue E Grove

4408 Long Champ Dr Apt 38, Austin, TX 78746

Status: Non-Served - Other

Party to Serve: 20230930-DK-butterfly Inc

28 LIBERTY STREET C T CORPORATION SYSTEM (floor 42), new york,

NY 10005

Status: Served

Party to Serve: RC Ventures

1114 Avenue of the Americas FI 32, New York, NY 10036

Status: Non-Served - Disallowed

Party to Serve: The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation

11 Times Sq Ste 14, New York, NY 10036

tatus: Non-Served - Disallowed د

Party to Serve: Overstock.com Inc, doing business as Bed Bath and

Beyond

12670 High Bluff Dr, San Diego, CA 92130

Status: Served

Status Overview

Documents Category: Summons

Type: Serve Only

Court: US District Court, Nevada,

Key Events Overstock.com Inc, doing business as Bed Bath and Beyond Proof Signed (8/7/24) ✓ Served ✓ Served 20230930-DK-butterfly Inc Proof Signed (8/7/24) **Status Updates & Activity** 08/29/24 1:11 PM Signed Proof of Non-Service for RC Ventures at 1114 Avenue of the Americas FI 32, New York, N 08/29/24 1:11 PM Signed Proof of Non-Service for Ryan Cohen at 1114 Avenue of the Americas Fl 32, New York, N 08/27/24 9:32 AM Action Needed: Choose next service address for RC Ventures Progress is paused while waiting for customer's response. Expires 10/26/2024. Choose Address Current address for RC Ventures is not servable. Bad addresses: 1114 Avenue of the Americas Fl 32, New York, NY 10036 Reason: Disallowed 1114 Avenue of the Americas Fl 32, New York, NY 10036 Reason: Disallowed 08/27/24 9:32 AM

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08/27/24 9:31 AM

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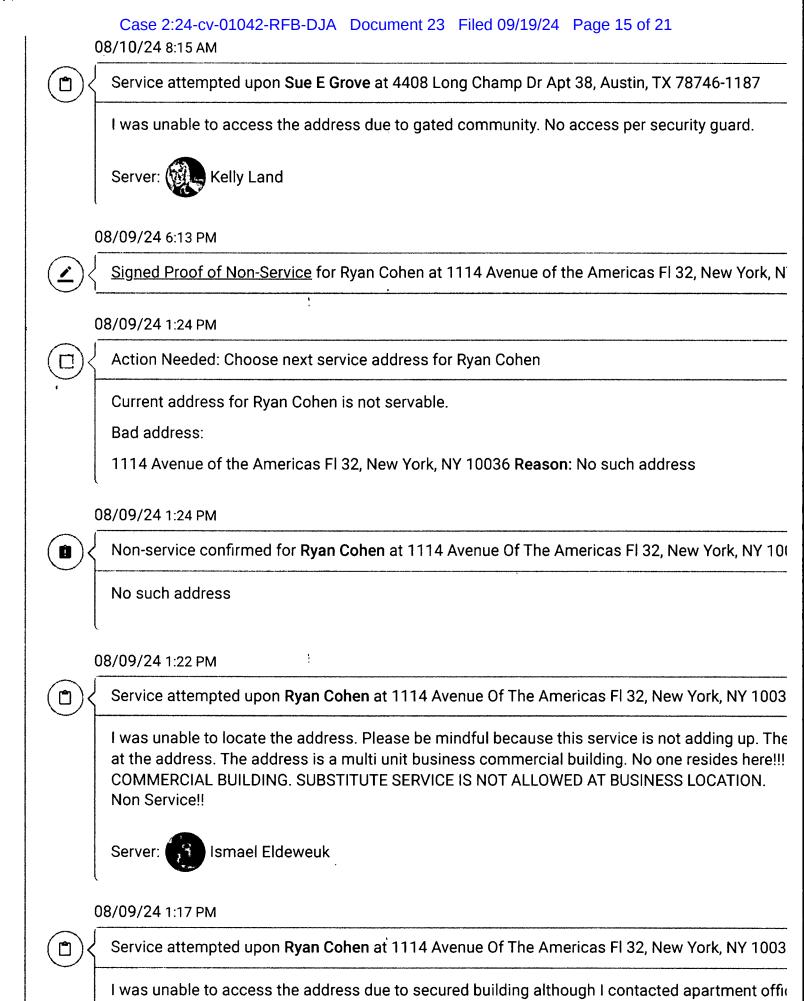
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08/13/24 9:56 AM
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SUMMONS and COMPLAINT
08/13/24 9:14 AM
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08/13/24 8:54 AM
Action Needed: Choose next service address for Sue E Grove
Progress is paused while waiting for customer's response. Expires 10/12/2024.
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Non-service confirmed for Sue E Grove at 4408 Long Champ Dr Apt 38, Austin, TX 78746-1187
Other
08/12/24 6:55 PM
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I was unable to access the address due to gated community. No access per security guard.
Server: Kelly Land
08/12/24 11:23 AM
Message from (TD) Travis Dahl



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Case 2:24-cv-01042-RFB-DJA Document 23 Filed 09/19/24 Page 16 of 21 In addition to the concerns that i raised earlier

The service of process for 20230930-DK-butterfly Inc has not been signed, can you please correct this so that i can submit it to the court

08/07/24 6:24 PM



Message from (AM) anthony mitchell

yes i still need RC Ventures and Ryan Cohen served

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Hi Ryan,

While reviewing our chat, I noticed something that will need clarification. Please clarify if you are attempting service on RC Ventures and Ryan Cohen at the address provided and are requesting or would like to have the address reattempted after providing the server with more clear instruct

Thank you,

Travis Dahl

ABC Legal Customer Success Team

08/07/24 6:12 PM



Message from (TD) Travis Dahl

Hi Anthony,

Thank you for reaching out to us in chat today. We will review your request and get back to you s

Thank you,

Travis Dahl

ABC Legal Customer Success Team

08/07/24 11:05 AM



Signed Proof of Service upon Overstock.com Inc, doing business as Bed Bath and Beyond

08/07/24 10:37 AM



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	Overstock.com inc, doing business as Bed Bath and Beyond 12670 High Bluff Dr, San Diego, CA 92130
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	Requestor anthony mitchell
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Hello Anthony,

Thank you for providing this additional information. I am reaching out for additional information on the to have an update for you shortly.

Kindly, Summer Burrows ABC Legal Customer Support



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